



# KY Tech Student Career Placement Agreement Signed

Pictured from left to right: DTE Commissioner Emil S. Jezik; CWD Secretary Allen D. Rose; and DES Commissioner James F. Thompson officially sign the KY Tech Student Career Placement Agreement.

CWD Secretary Allen Rose announced, during a January 13 meeting, a new project sponsored by the Departments for Employment Services (DES) and Technical Education (DTE) called the KY Tech Student Career Placement Program.

This new program will bring together the two agencies, area technology center (ATC) principals and local DES offices in an effort to better prepare KY Tech students for employment in the workforce upon graduation.

Local DES officials are preparing step-by-step plans to familiarize students with their services as well as plotting strategies to recognize student-employer barriers and eliminate or minimize them.

The program will provide ways to track students once they are employed as they progress in their chosen fields. This follow-up system will not only identify their successes, but it will provide valuable information to the agencies in finding new ways to help future graduates.

"This program will prove to be invaluable in that we'll have the opportunity to better prepare and serve our most valuable commodity, our students," said DTE Commissioner Emil Jezik. "The transition between school and work can sometimes be difficult, but we know this program will help to improve that transition and the follow-up system will provide us with a powerful data base to keep track of those students."

Each ATC will receive a plaque with a copy of the signed agreement to display in their school.